

Funeral Board News

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From the Desk of the President...



Ezekiel H. Trezevant, Jr.

In his book entitled, *Nice Guys Finish Last*,* Leo Durocher stated on page 11: "I believe in rules, sure I do...if there weren't any rules, how could you break them? I also believe I have a right to test the rules by seeing how far they can be bent." Other persons, who may or may not be as infamous as Durocher, have said that, "rules are made to be broken."

Regardless of whether or not you agree with any of the so called "it's OK to break rules statements," or if you are of the mentality to test how far you can bend the rules, please be advised that the rules, regulations and laws of the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service will not be broken or bent without severe consequences.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Why? Because continuing education classes address our need to know. Also, through the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, a wealth of information is disseminated, including this newsletter. In addition, each and every state board member stands ready to inform and inspect. The law, 40-19-130, grants state board members the authority to inspect. They will exercise this authority! So, if you are in doubt, just ask. All you have to do is call.

As your state board president, your presiding officer, your humble servant, and yes, your friend, I pledge to do what is right...with fairness and justice to all! I shall not be, however, one of those nice guys that Leo Durocher eluded to, who finishes last..for, if even just one of us is last, so shall the state of South Carolina be last. Our great state of South Carolina must ultimately attain, then subsequently remain, second to none!

It is my great privilege to serve as your president. I am deeply honored. I am sincerely appreciative of the confidence placed in me. Please feel free to call on and call upon me at anytime: (803) 754-3978, fax (803) 786-2642, e-mail, trezsr@juno.com.

**Simon & Schuster, New York, 1975, Durocher, Leo.*

Meet Your Newest Board Members:

Julius Cameron was appointed on Aug. 15, 1997 by Governor David Beasley to serve on the Board with a term to expire Aug. 15, 2000. Cameron was born in Winnsboro. He attended public schools in Winnsboro and the University of South Carolina. Cameron is a 42-year veteran of the funeral service industry, having served apprenticeships at McCormick and Talbert Funeral Homes of Columbia and Pope Funeral Home of Winnsboro.

Cameron graduated magna cum laude from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is a recipient of the Frigid Embalming Award and the Bowsher Restorative Art Award. Cameron has been employed for 32 years with the Pope Funeral Home.

Frank M. Way, III was appointed by Governor David Beasley to serve on the Board in September 1997

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Call the office if you have questions concerning applications, examinations or if you need assistance regarding other program matters.

Board Sets Fines for Inspection Violations

At the Nov. 25, 1997 meeting, the Funeral Board voted to impose the following fines for inspection violations:

EMBALMING ROOM

Backflow	\$500
Instruments and Supplies	\$250
Embalming Machine	\$250
Exhaust Fans	\$250
Dirty Preparation Room	\$500
Fluids and Equipment	\$500
Sharps Disposer	\$250
Sanitary Flow Covering	\$250
Bio-Hazard Container	\$250

CHAPEL

Six Caskets	\$500
Casket Lists	\$500
Casket Price List	\$500
Out of Burial Containers-	\$500
Vaults	
No Hearse	\$500

Refusal to Submit to \$250
Inspection

Inspection refusal after \$500
24-hour notification

Expired license or permit \$250
(Per occurrence and Cease and Desist Order)

Failure to Display License \$250
(After one warning)

Non-renewed Licenses following 30-day notification will be decided on case-by-case basis after consulting with member of the Board.

We're on the Internet!

Check out the S.C. Board of Funeral Service on LLR's "home page" on the world wide web, or Internet.

The page includes general information about the agency, and key data on individual programs.

If you have ideas or suggestions, contact Lesia Shannon Kudelka, 896-4376, or Donna Delia, 896-4377.

Our address on the Internet is: <http://www.llr.sc.edu/bfs.htm>



Dates for Board-Approved Continuing Education



All courses, seminars, workshops, classes, etc., including all materials and handouts for continuing education credit, must be approved and certified by the Board. The instructor(s) must also be approved and certified by the Board.

In-state courses are subject to being monitored by designated members of the Board. Courses will be made available in locations easily accessible to participants and opened to all licensed persons. Records showing completion of credit hours must be signed by the designated authorized person and submitted to the Board office.

LLR-Board of Funeral Services sponsored continuing education seminars will be held on the following dates:

- Jan. 14, 1998, Greenville Tech, Greenville, SC
- March 18, 1998, Florence-Darlington Tech, Florence, SC
- May 15, 1998, James Island State Park, James Island, SC

A list of other Board-approved courses for continuing education may be obtained by calling the Board's office.

Board Takes Disciplinary Action Against Licensees

The Board has entered into two consent orders with licensees during the July-September 1997 quarter. Three complaints were dismissed, and the Board approved nine complaints for further investigations.

There were 125 inspections conducted on funeral facilities between July and November 1997. Thirty-one funeral homes failed the inspection process.

Board Members

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with a term to expire Aug. 15, 2000.

Way is a 1987 graduate of Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service and a 1986 graduate of Spartanburg Methodist College. He serves as secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association, Central Coastal Group. Way is manager of Liberatos Cremation Center of Charleston and Transportation Service. He also has worked as funeral director and embalmer for McAlister Funeral Home in Charleston and Mt. Pleasant. Way is a native of Moncks Corner.

Fiscal Year 1997/98 Board Meeting Dates:

Jan. 27, 1998
March 16, 1998
May 21, 1998

Meetings are usually held at 10 a.m. at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC.

Fiscal Year 1997/98 National Board Examination Dates:

March 2, 1998
June 1, 1998

Applications must be submitted 30 days prior to the examination date. Examinations are given at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC.

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